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Last spring we ran [a series of excerpts](#) from Philip J. Cunningham's book, *Tiananmen Moon*.

Cunningham alerted us to his recent postings of "sneak preview" materials from the CCTV National Day programming at his blog, *Frontier International*. He wrote:

Walking through cramped studios and cacophonous corridors filled with actors and extras singing, chatting, rehearsing their lines and doing last-minute checks of costumes and make-up brought back memories of working on epic China films such as *The Last Emperor* and *Empire of the Sun*. It always amazes me to see how relaxed and informal show business people are immediately before and after stepping on stage where they then get into character, momentarily transforming themselves into living works of art.

Here, then, a sneak preview of CCTV's National Day extravaganza, with pictures taken on an Iphone.





Visit [Cunningham's blog](#) for short video clips as well.

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